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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Refining CERCLIS Archive Determinations

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The purpose of this memorandum is to alert you to possible enforcement-related sites that may be appropriate for archiving from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System (CERCLIS), and to transmit guidance to assist you in evaluating and archiving these sites. Through this memorandum, we are also announcing our intention to replace the No Further Response Action Planned acronym in the National Contingency Plan with the term "Archive" to eliminate the confusion caused by the dual use of this acronym.

On January 25, 1995, the EPA Administrator announced the removal of approximately 25,000 sites from the Superfund inventory as part of the Brownfields initiative. This figure generally was derived by identifying the number of CERCLIS sites where the last site assessment event had a No Further Remedial Action Planned decision and at which no removal events were recorded. On February 15, 1995, approximately 24,000 of these sites were removed from CERCLIS and archived. As a follow-up, we have identified additional potential candidates for archiving. These include sites which were not previously archived due to potential CERCLA removal or enforcement activity. Lists of sites in these categories were distributed to each Region at the March, 1995, Superfund Program Management meeting.

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Within the next several days, the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response will be sending updated potential archive site listings to the Regional Superfund Site Assessment Section Chiefs along with the attached guidelines to assist the Regions in making additional CERCLIS archive determinations. There are approximately 1,000 sites which have been evaluated by the Site Assessment program and have received a No Further Remedial Action Planned determination, but also have removal activities recorded in CERCLIS. It is unclear from CERCLIS whether enforcement or removal activity is ongoing or pending at these sites. **In deciding whether to archive any of these sites, Regional Site Assessment, Removal, and Enforcement staff should work together to ensure that further removal or enforcement actions are not appropriate at these sites (e.g. statute of limitations has expired). Regions should use the attached guidelines for assistance.** Once a determination has been made, appropriate sites should be archived using the new site level archive fields described in the attached guidance.

Regional Site Assessment, Removal, and Enforcement staff should also work closely with the States to communicate these decisions and to alert them to questions which they may receive from the public.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Bob Myers (Site Assessment Branch) at (703) 603-8851 or Lori Boughton (Enforcement Contact) at (703) 603-8959.

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